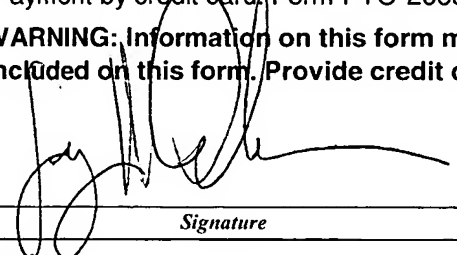
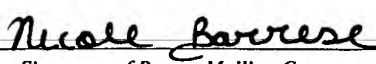


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Applicant(s): Jose Luis Pontes Correia Neves et al.					
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Inventor: <b>METHOD TO IDENTIFY GEOMETRICALLY NON-OVERLAPPING OPTIMIZATION PARTITIONS FOR PARALLEL TIMING CLOSURE</b>					
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In reply to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: